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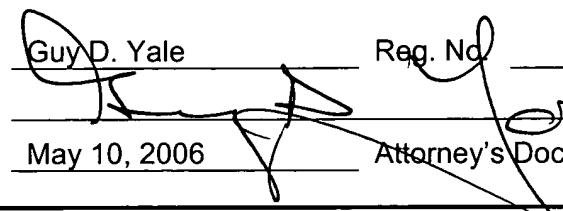
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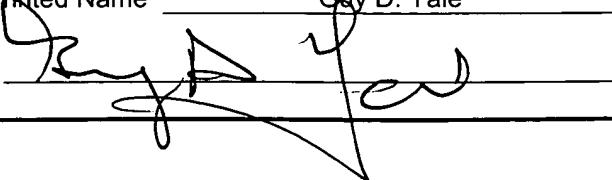
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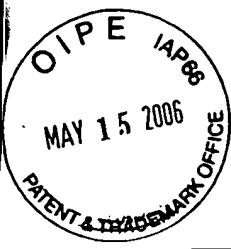
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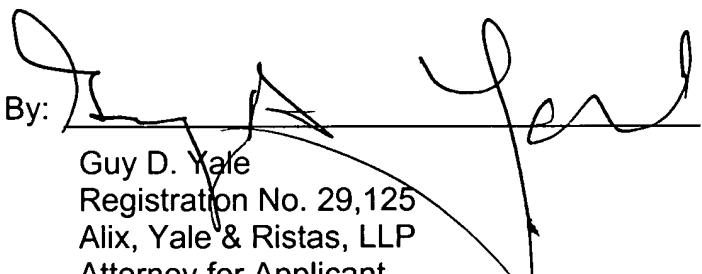
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EXAMINER INITIAL		"Harte und Weiche Kunststoffe Mit Diodenlaser Verbinden. Joining Hard and Soft Plastics with a Diode Laser". Kunststoffe, Carl Hanser Verlag. Munchen, DE, Vol. 88, No. 2, February 1998 Pages 210-212, XP000732887 ISSN: 0023-5563 Figure 3; Table 1.
		"Welding Thermoplastic Elastomers to Polypropylene with a Diode Laser". PROC. ICALEO 2002, 2002, xp009046528.

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